

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1458

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By Mr. Rush of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Menino and others relative to state grants to municipalities that implement certain strategies to end homelessness. Children and Families.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Thomas M. Menino	Gloria L. Fox
Michael F. Rush	Elizabeth A. Malia
Brian P. Wallace	Martha M. Walz

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF MATCHING STATE GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES THAT IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 121B of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding at the end thereof the following new section:  
3 Section 60. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
4 special law to the contrary, the commonwealth, acting by and  
5 through the department of housing and community development,  
6 shall establish a fund for the purpose of making available state  
7 financial assistance to municipalities in the form of a 2:1  
8 matching grants for municipalities appropriating general revenues  
9 for the purpose of implementing a housing and or service strategy  
10 to end chronic homelessness within their jurisdiction in no less  
11 than a 10 year period.  
12 An amount not to exceed 10 million dollars, funded through  
13 appropriations or by borrowing, shall be set aside for the purpose  
14 of matching municipal appropriations expended subject to this  
15 section. Disbursements shall be used solely for the purpose of  
16 matching contributions of municipal expenditures.

17 Priorities shall include, but not be limited to, homeless preven-  
18 tion, project-based rental assistance, tenant based rental assis-  
19 tance, and supportive services. Municipal programs eligible for  
20 match under this section must include supportive services.

21 Upon final approval of an application for match to the depart-  
22 ment of housing and community development, the state shall con-  
23 tribute sums totaling up to two times the municipal expenditure,  
24 subject to the availability of funds.